Dear Ephraim City Residents.

Happy New Year!! My hope for all of you is that this new year will be a time of wonderful opportunities for you and your family. Ephraim is made up of families and singles who care for one another, look out for one another, and uplift one another. This is what makes Ephraim the kind of place that we all love and enjoy living in.

The outpouring of financial and emotional support to other families in need this past holiday season has been a very sweet thing to watch, indeed, it is a manifestation of just how much our citizens care for one another and have a desire to help one another. Much of this help with utilities and other associated payments has gone on in a totally anonymous way. Thank you to those who gave and to those who graciously received.

2021 has been greatly anticipated. Our greatest threat and concern to the health and safety of our residents has been the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope and expect to arrest this pandemic in 2021 through vaccinations and/or continuing health cautions as outlined by the CDC. It is our hope that during this year our lives will begin to return to some normalcy. Should you choose to get the vaccination, let me assure you that it has been through all the proper testing protocols and has been determined as safe. Here is the link to the latest evaluation of the vaccine and you can go to this link to read up on the vaccine’s safety protocols: https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/eua-fact-sheet-recipients.pdf

I encourage you to do your own study and then evaluate the efficacy of receiving a vaccination to guard against the COVID-19 infection for yourself. As I have done my own evaluation and carefully studied the science and facts concerning a vaccination, I have decided for my own particular circumstances that I will receive the vaccination when it becomes available to our residents.

2021 Will Be a Building Year for Ephraim City

Right now, Ephraim City has approved a total of 117 new apartment units; they break down this way:

- 18 units East of the college
- 12 units behind Utah Heritage Credit Union
- 39-unit townhomes on the old motel property
- 48 units south of campus

We are in early discussions for other developments as well that could add more units.

Additionally, Ephraim City recently approved a number of subdivisions that are underway totaling nearly 80 lots: (numbers are approximate)

- 12 lots south of town (Canyon View Phase 2)
- 14 lots north of town (Danish Fields Phase 3)
- 12 lots by the canyon (Country Dream Estates)
- 22 lots (Ephraim Crossing)
- 18 lots (Mill Hill Phase 2)

Upcoming Events:

- City Council Meeting
  Jan 6, 2021 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting
  Jan 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
- 2021 Council Planning Meeting
  Jan 23, 2021 (Location and time TBD)
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A WORD ABOUT EPHRAIM CROSSING:

Phase 1 includes a 44-lot subdivision. To date, 22 of those lots have been approved by the City Council for homes on 1/5th to 1/2 acre lots.

Phase 2 is currently proposed with three elements; town homes, office space for a tech company trying to utilize the new Computer Science degree students from Snow College, and retail space. The developer’s plans can be seen at EphraimCrossing.com.

Future phases will eventually include new roads that will create aligned intersections at 700 South, 600 South, and 800 South. One of these roads will be used to directly access the City’s future industrial park southwest of town, and also provide a new direct access to Canyon Road taking traffic from the future development away from existing residential roads and diverting them primarily to new roads, especially on the east side of the highway. This will all happen gradually with multiple phases, over multiple years.

The City likes the overall approach the developers have taken so far. They have been responsive to City requests, will have a good mix of various housing types for various demographic needs, will clean up the traffic pattern by building new roads that will align with existing roads, and will provide jobs and additional amenities for the community. Eventually they hope to bring a grocery store back to Ephraim once the other pieces fall in.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS IN THE WORKS FOR EPHRAIM CITY:

Parks: The City is pursuing a new skate park at the Canyon View Park. Additionally, the City is pursuing an all-abilities park behind the library.

The City is currently pursuing grant funding to build a trail on Canyon Road. Full funding may not become available for a few years, but some preliminary preparation work might begin as soon as this coming year.

Industrial Park: The City is currently pursuing grant funding for developing our new industrial park southwest of town. The hope is to create shovel-ready lots that will attract businesses to locate here and bring jobs to the area. The City has already been approached by several businesses interested in locating there when it becomes available.

Improving infrastructure: The City just completed replacing roughly two blocks of sewer mains along Main Street that were nearly 60 years old. This was done with trenchless technology that used a slip line in the existing pipe, using only the existing manholes as access points. This saved us many weeks of time and minimized the negative impact to existing businesses and residents while their lines were being replaced. We hope to complete the next phase in 2021. We will eventually replace all the lines along Main Street.

Forest Management: We are in talks with the forest service to develop a better Forest Management Program in Ephraim Canyon. They have already thinned our large tracts of land in the canyon this past year and that will hopefully extend into future phases. The understanding is that an extensive forest fire could be catastrophic for our City springs. But if managed well, you can replicate the effects of a fire that thins out fuel supplies without the catastrophic effects and expenses of a fire by thinning the current trees. One related project currently in the works is to bury the existing power line that goes up to the GBECC to prevent trees falling on the lines and causing fires.

Flood Management: The City continues to work on updating the flood plain plan and identifying projects that will minimize flood risks in problem areas.

Bike Trails in Ephraim Canyon: Many new trails have been cut/groomed this year in partnership with the County and the Forest Service.

Ephraim City is Serious About Planning for the Future. We have proactively pursued updating our plans for the future, including the recent completion this last year of master plans for parks, roads, water, sewer, power, emergency services, library, and others. This summer we completed an update of our General Plan to help govern the overall future of the City. These plans will guide our decisions and help determine our priorities for years to come.

Water: Since our well broke two years ago at the end of the summer, we have aggressively pursued adding capacity and redundancy for our water system. When we repaired the broken well, we took a little extra time and did the repair in a way that doubled our previous flow capacity. This added an additional nearly 600,000 gallons per day to our system. We then pursued drilling a new well on property we purchased south of town. We acquired funding, including over $700K in grants. That project is just wrapping up now and will add more than another 500,000 gallons per day to our system, in addition to providing nearly a mile of new 10-inch trunk lines that will serve the entire west side of town. So that’s more than a million gallons per day added to our system since the well broke. We next purchased additional water rights and land north of town. We are planning the next well on that north side, which is projected to add another 1.8 million gallons per day based on projections from the existing agriculture well on the property. We have acquired another $2M grant from the Corps of Engineers to help us in this effort. We’re hoping to start this project in 2021. So, in total, hopefully by the end of 2021, we will have added another 2.8 million gallons of water per day capacity to our system. This gives us critical redundancy from our spring water which is good but sometimes inconsistent and subject to drought, landslides and forest fires. And then finally, we are projected to add another well every 5 years or so after that to maintain capacity for future projected growth. Much thanks to Bryan Kimball, our City Engineer and Community Development Director for much of the aforementioned detailed information.

Ephraim City is on the move. We take seriously our responsibility to our residents, both current and in the future. Generations ago our City leaders planned for and created systems for growth in our city: water, electricity, roads, sidewalks, sewer, etc. We do not want to be one step behind their foresight and forethought. As a City, we are robustly planning for the future so that Ephraim City continues to be the best place to live in Central Utah.

Sincerely,

John G. Scott
Ephraim City Mayor
Federal Nutrition Programs

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**  
(SNAP - formerly known as Food Stamps)

SNAP provides food assistance to low-income individuals and households through an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card known as the Horizon Card.

To apply for benefits, go to Department of Workforce Services at jobs.utah.gov/mycase. You may also apply at a Utah Department of Workforce Services Office or we can mail an application to you; however, you may lose benefits due to mailing delays.

No documents are needed to file an application. You may be eligible for expedited SNAP within seven calendar days. Expedited SNAP benefits are a faster way to get your first month of SNAP benefits. You may be eligible for expedited SNAP if:

- You have $150 or less in monthly gross income and $100 or less in liquid assets (cash and money in the bank), or
- Your shelter costs are higher than your combined gross monthly income and cash and savings, or
- You are a migrant household with $100 or less in cash and savings.
- Identity is the only verification you need if you are eligible for expedited SNAP.

For more information, call 1-800-453-FOOD (2561) or visit UAH.org. Use our calculator to see if you might be eligible, or visit our website at: uah.org/get-help/calculator.

**Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)**

Moms, are you eligible for WIC? If you qualify for SNAP, you likely qualify for WIC. The Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) provides nutrition and breastfeeding services and supplemental foods to pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children up to their 5th birthday.

Learn more at wic.utah.gov or call 1-877-942-5437.

**Free and Reduced Priced Meals**

If you have school-aged children and qualify for SNAP, you likely qualify for free meals. You may also qualify for reduced price meals if your income is below 185% of poverty. To apply, contact your child’s school or school district. Learn more at uah.org/get-help/school-meals It’s simple and quick.

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**A Message from Our Council**

Greg Boothe

As we move into the new year, it’s nice to see a light at the end of a dark tunnel. I know that many of our friends and family have suffered through 2020, but I hope that we can try to focus on the wonderful blessings we have here in this beautiful city of Ephraim.

We are blessed with wonderful city leaders and staff that only have your best interests in mind.

We are blessed with city workers who work hard to update and maintain our infrastructure.

We are blessed with awesome businesses and business owners who work hard to bring us needed goods and services. Let’s help support them when we can.

We are blessed with caring educators who help our children learn and grow.

We are blessed with dedicated and well trained police and fire crews that keep us safe.

I could go on, but would just like to encourage all of us to be thankful for this wonderful city that we live in and the blessings it brings to us and our families. May God bless us all as we move into a promising new year.

Happy New Year!

Greg Boothe

Ephraim City Councilman

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+Add $479 for each additional family member

*The amount of money everyone in your household earns or receives each month must equal less than the limit listed above. Gross income means a household’s total income (earned and unearned) before any deductions have been taken out.

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